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26th Congress, Washington, D. C., February 9, 1841.—
From Major Graham, U. S. Topog. Eng.

Five copies of the Constitution and By-laws of the National
Institution for the Promotion of Science, established at
Washington, May, 1840.—From Col. J. J. Abert, U. S.
Top. Eng.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS.—Dr. Chaloner stated that Col.
Abert of Washington, had in his cabinet a specimen of Anthracite Coal, in the Rhombic form, of unusual size, which
had been obtained from France, and appears to sustain the
mineral origin of coal.

Prof. W. R. Johnson, remarked, that he had in his collection specimens of Anthracite Coal in the forms of rhombs and cubes.

BUSINESS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION.—Prof. Johnson offered the following resolution, and which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the thanks of the Academy be presented to Dr. George C. Leib, for the elegant and valuable collection of specimens in Ornithology, together with the accompanying case, which have been this evening presented to the Society.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 16.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

A collection of Fossils—seven specimens—from the Desert of Atacama, south of Peru, with three specimens of rocks from the adjacent islands, and another from the summit of the Andes. The fossils appear to belong to the Newer Pliocene, and consist of shells which are identical with existing species, and especially the *Pecten purpuratus*.—Presented by J. Frampton Watson, Esq.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Dissertations relating to the Antiquities, Arts and Sciences of Asia. By Sir William Jones and others. 8vo. 1792.—Presented by Dr. Morton.

A Memoir of the Life and Character of the late Joseph Parrish, M. D., read before the Medical Society of Philadelphia, October 23, 1840, by George B. Wood, M. D.—From Dr. Morton.

Reports of the Special Agent of the Lead Mines, relative to the sale or future management of the Mineral Lands of the United States. Printed by order of the 26th Congress, Washington, January 23, 1831.—From Dr. Morton.

The First Annual Report of the Geological Survey of Ohio, by W. W. Mather.—From the Author.

VERBAL COMMUNICATION.—Professor Johnson made some remarks in relation to the specimens presented by Mr. J. F. Watson this evening; and stated that Mr. Watson had counted parts of forty skeletons of fossil whales, in the desert of Atacama, two miles south of Los Lobos; some of the vertebræ being from twelve to eighteen inches in diameter.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 23.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the State Geologist of Michigan, 1840, by Dr. D. Houghton.—From the Author.

Discovery of Vauquelinite, a rare ore of Chromium, in the United States: also an account of some genera and species of North American Plants, by J. Torrey, M. D.—From the Author.

Elements of Conchology; or the Natural History of Shells, by Thos. Brown.—From Dr. Morton.

On the Morbid Anatomy of the Mucous and Serous Membranes, by Thomas Hodgkin, M. D. 8vo. London, 1840. Vol. I.—From the Author.

Report of the Survey and Exploration of the Coal and Ore Lands of the Alleghany Coal Company, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, by W. R. Johnson, A. M.—From the Author.